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In 1904 there were 2,347 votes cast in Pocahontas County by all parties 1,167 Republican 1,130 Democrats and 50 all others. In 1934 the total registration for the county was 7,665 of this number 4,189 were Democrats, 3,388 were Republicans and 88 all others, the total vote cast in the general election of 1934 was 5,300 with a Democratic vote of 2,589 and a Republican vote of 2,678 all others 33 or a 69.15 percent of all registered voters in both parties, the Democratic percent was 61.80 while that of the Republicans was 79.04. In 1938 the vote cast in the county by both major parties was 5,298 this was 67.59 percent of the registered voters of both parties the Democratic party voted 60.66 % while the Republicans voted only 39.34 %. Those voting Democratic were 3,214 and those voting Republican were 2,084. Both the Democratic and the Republican Parties are very active within the county and although this is traditionally a Democratic County many offices are filled from time to time by Republicans, as Pocahontas County has long since been known as the county where the voters vote for the man and not the ticket, and as a general rule we here in Pocahontas County have good, able and courageous county servants.

All qualified voters are registered by a Registrar appointed by

the County Court but recommended by the Democratic and Republican executive committee of the county, these Registrars list the voters that are 21 years old and older, after this has been done they have certain days to sit to register any they might have missed and to correct their books before they are turned in to the county clerk and on the day of the election these books are taken to the Polls to see that no one votes that is not registered, all citizens of the county are entitled to vote but aliens and people of unsound minds. After an election the County Court sits to canvass the returns and signs certificates of election. In 1940 the voters voted for a permanent registration thereby doing away with the job of re-registering the voters each election year so hereafter we will have a permanent registration, any moving, or the ones coming voting age will have to go to the county Clerk and be registered or have him make necessary changes.

George Sharp of Frost is County chairman of the Republican party and Fred C. Allen of Marlinton is chairman of the Democrat party, and it is to the leadership of these men that to see that their party functions properly.

When the depression came in 1930 Pocahontas County had many idle men and relief was started to assist needy people and so today we have

a Department of Public Assistance with a case load of the following varying somewhat from time to time, those receiving old age assistance 188 blind 6, dependant children 74, general relief 49 or a total of 301 or a total spent on the needy in Pocahontas County for one year of \$ 35.5 00 with administrative cost of \$ 12.567.18.

Pocahontas County is a county with little work only farm work therefore many of her population have no work save for relief work by the W.P.A building roads of which consist of the following primary Roads designated miles 129.686, miles improved 119.836 mostly by the State Road Commission our secondary roads on which the W.P.A work mostly designated miles 464.000 miles improved 196.560, by the use of W.P.A in Pocahontas County we now have many miles of farm to market roads that use to be impassible atleast six months out of each year, for these roads the rural citizens of the county sbe thankful, besides road work the W.P.A has furnished employment to many many people in many walks of life, namely sewing projects, ^{N.Y.A} hot lunches for undernourished school children, furnished public libraries, reasearch workers gathering information on the progress and hapenings within the county so all in all the W.P.A and the Pocahontas County Department Of Public Assistance of Pocahontas County has meant a lot to the many people found within her borders. And the cou-

nty Governmeny for their cooperation in sponsoring many of these projects.

Pocahontas County has a good law enforcement body as we have the Sheriff and his three deputies besides two state Police, besides the many Justices and Constables throughout the county not counting the town police of our larger towns within the county. The Sheriff office functions out of the county seat also the State Police, all these officers have cars and on short notice can be in any section of the county in a very short time.

(More About elections) As we use the Australian Ballot and believe in honest elections that the polls open at sun up or six oclock and remain open until sundown or approximately six oclock in the evening.

The election officials consist of the following commissioners that see that is held according to law and is assisted by poll clerks who do all the writing and tally all votes and when sundown comes one of the Comm- goes outside the building and exclaims in a loud voice that the polls are closed, they are opened in a like manner in the morning.

Pocahontas County has a very active Farm Bureau, with between 300 and 350 active members, the most of which ship their livestock cooperatively also sell their wool through the wool pool which always grades very